

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

TAKAHIRO HORIKOSHI, ET AL. : EXAMINER: BROWN, K.

SERIAL NO: 09/680,513

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FOR: EXPOSURE METHOD, EXPOSURE APPARATUS AND MAKING METHOD OF THE APPARATUS, AND DEVICE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD OF

THE DEVICE

JUL 16 2003

AMENDMENT FILED CONCURRENTLY WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to a further examination on the merits, and in response to the Office Action of February 12, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 21 of this paper.